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Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

☐ Continuation      ☒ Divisional      ☐ Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 10/205,494, filed July 26, 2002,

For (Title):            PURIFICATION PROCESS OF THERMOPROCESSABLE  
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By (Inventors):        WU et al.

1. ☒ A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
- ☒ a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
- ☐ b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. ☒ The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

**CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF  
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FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
BASIC FEE		
TOTAL CLAIMS	16 - 20	= 0
INDEP CLAIMS	3 - 3	= 0
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3. ☒ A Check in the amount of \$770.00 to cover the filing fee is attached.
4. ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 01-2300.
5. ☒ Cancel claims 1-17 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.

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6. ☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This is a Divisional of Application No. 10/205,494 filed July 26, 2002. The disclosure of the prior application is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--
7. ☐ Formal drawings (Figs. \_\_\_\_\_) are attached.
8. ☒ Priority of foreign application No. MI2001 A 001614 filed July 26, 2001 in Italy is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).
9. ☒ The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 10/205,494 on July 26, 2002.
10. ☐ A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is attached.
11. ☐ Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119(e).
12. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:  
--This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. \_\_\_\_\_ filed \_\_\_\_\_.--
13. ☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Ausimont S.p.A. recorded at Reel 013246, Frame 0240 on August 29, 2002.
14. ☐ This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R. §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:
15. ☒ A Preliminary Amendment is attached.
16. ☒ An Information Disclosure Statement is attached along with Form PTO-1449 and no references.
17. ☐ Small entity status:  
☐ a. A small entity statement is attached.  
☐ b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.  
☐ c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.
18. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_
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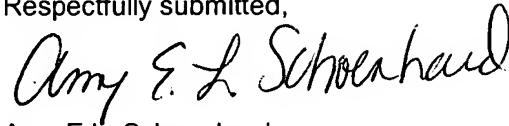
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